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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community  
Deputy Director for Intelligence -  
Deputy Director for Plans  
Deputy Director for Science & Technology  
Deputy Director for Support  
General Counsel  
Legislative Counsel  
Inspector General  
Director of National Estimates

SUBJECT : Protection of Classified Information Pending  
Issuance of New Agency Regulation

1. The NSC Directive implementing Executive Order 11652 was approved and issued on 17 May. Both of those directives require that each department issue implementing regulations which must receive the prior approval of the Interagency Classification Review Committee, established by E.O. 11652. The Committee itself also was appointed on 17 May and, because of the unavailability of the Chairman, is scheduled to hold its first meeting on 7 June. Further, the new regulation will need to be well known and thoroughly understood by all personnel. For these reasons, it has not been possible to issue an Agency regulation to be effective by 1 June 1972. Pending issuance of the new Agency regulation, therefore, Agency personnel should continue to classify and protect information in accordance with the predecessor Order (E.O. 10501) and existing Agency regulations.

2. The new Order would declassify documents automatically unless action is taken to exempt from automatic declassification. To prevent inappropriate declassification during the period between 1 June and the effective date of our revised regulation, personnel should continue to mark classified documents "GROUP 1, Excluded from automatic downgrading and declassification". Since it has not yet been possible to

issue our new regulation, I am administratively determining that use of such markings serves to exempt automatic declassification under E.O. 11652.

3. This memorandum will cease to have effect on the date the new Agency regulation becomes effective.

/s/ W. E. Colby

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